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Mr. Bernard Fensterwald, Jr.,
Executive Director
Committee to Investigate Assassinations
927 15th Street, NW
Washington, D. C. 20005

Dear Mr. Fensterwald;

I have given copies of your letter to Rev. Abernathy and members of our executive staff. Your request to discuss Dr. King's assassination with us will be taken up in our staff meeting scheduled for June 2 and 3. I will notify you of that decision as quickly as possible,

As I told Wes, it is my own personal conviction that there was a conspiracy; it is also my feeling that Establishment power forces (rather than right or left wing extremists) were behind the murders - I have definite reasons for saying this, which I would be glad to discuss with you.

Perhaps Wes mentioned to you that I was the F.B.I.'s first suspect and that a few telegrams were sent to the office saying that I "looked like" the man who did it. So I have personal and professional reasons for wanting to get to the truth. But, and it is a very big "BUT", I do not think you and your association will be permitted to uncover and expose the truth. You will be stopped if it looks as if you even might be successful.

Take care, and keep me informed of your progress.

Peace,

Ernest Austin
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